

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3492

AN ACT

To designate the Traverse City VA Community-Based Out-patient Clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Traverse City, Michigan, as the “Colonel Demas T. Craw VA Clinic”.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF COLONEL DEMAS T. CRAW VA**
2 **CLINIC IN TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) Demas T. Crow was born on April 9, 1900,
5 in Long Lake Township, Michigan.

6 (2) While residing in Traverse City, Michigan,
7 Demas T. Crow enlisted in the United States Army
8 at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, on April 18, 1918, and
9 trained with the 12th Cavalry at Camp Stanley,
10 Texas.

11 (3) Colonel Crow achieved the position of senior
12 pilot and was awarded—

13 (A) the Medal of Honor for action in
14 North Africa;

15 (B) the World War I Victory Medal;

16 (C) the World War II Victory Medal;

17 (D) the European-African-Middle Eastern
18 Campaign Medal;

19 (E) the Mexican Service Medal;

20 (F) the American Defense Service Medal;

21 (G) the Purple Heart;

22 (H) the Royal Order of George I; and

23 (I) the Observer Badge.

24 (4) Colonel Crow's citation for the Medal of
25 Honor said, "For conspicuous gallantry and intre-
26 pidity in action above and beyond the call of duty.

1 On November 8, 1942, near Port Lyautey, French
2 Morocco, Col. Craw volunteered to accompany the
3 leading wave of assault boats to the shore and pass
4 through the enemy lines to locate the French com-
5 mander with a view to suspending hostilities. This
6 request was first refused as being too dangerous but
7 upon the officer's insistence that he was qualified to
8 undertake and accomplish the mission he was al-
9 lowed to go. Encountering heavy fire while in the
10 landing boat and unable to dock in the river because
11 of shell fire from shore batteries, Col. Craw, accom-
12 panied by 1 officer and 1 soldier, succeeded in land-
13 ing on the beach at Mehdia Plage under constant
14 low-level strafing from 3 enemy planes. Riding in a
15 bantam truck toward French headquarters, progress
16 of the party was hindered by fire from our own
17 naval guns. Nearing Port Lyautey, Col. Craw was
18 instantly killed by a sustained burst of machinegun
19 fire at pointblank range from a concealed position
20 near the road.”.

21 (5) Colonel Craw was killed in action on No-
22 vember 8, 1942, while attempting to deliver a mes-
23 sage to broker a cease fire with France.

24 (b) DESIGNATION.—The Traverse City VA Commu-
25 nity-Based Outpatient Clinic of the Department of Vet-

1 erans Affairs in Traverse City, Michigan, shall after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act be known and designated
3 as the “Colonel Demas T. Craw VA Clinic”.

4 (c) REFERENCE.—Any reference in any law, regula-
5 tion, map, document, paper, or other record of the United
6 States to the community-based outpatient clinic referred
7 to in subsection (b) shall be considered to be a reference
8 to the Colonel Demas T. Craw VA Clinic.

Passed the Senate December 1, 2016.

Attest:

Secretary.

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